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To the Governor of Montana
The Honorable
J. HUGO ARONSON

On

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY IN MONTANA




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Unemployment Compensation Commission of Montana

Helena, November 1, 1954

Honorable J. Hugo Aronson
Governor of Montana
Helena, Montana

Dear Governor:

Conforming to the requirements of Section 87-120 and 87-122, Revised Codes of Montana, 1947, we respectfully submit this, the eighteenth, annual report of the Montana Unemployment Compensation Commission.

Operation and administration of the Commission, under your leadership and supervision, during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1954, is digested in the narrative and statistical record herein.

Sincerely,

WESLEY CASTLES, Chairman

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· PAUL R. McCLURE, Commissioner

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Montana Employment Economy

During Fiscal 1954

National and international developments during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1954, reflected into the employment economy of Montana and exerted a marked influence upon the operations and administration of this Commission. At the same time the working economy within Montana was readjusting after expiration of a series of years of heavy construction projects for which no alternate employment outlets were immediately at hand.

Reduction of transportation requirements, of demand for certain of Montana's raw products, and an influx of workers idled elsewhere, all arising from national curtailment of military production, tended also to increase the available working force in Montana and to shrink the number of jobs waiting to be filled. Thus the pool of available labor and the flow of unemployment insurance claims were both increased. Net result has been a year of readjustment and of redirection of effort.

Reserve Fund at Highest Level

Through legislative action higher weekly insurance payments have been provided. From the same source of authority the payable number of weeks of compensable unemployment has increased by two, from eighteen to a maximum of twenty weeks. The unemployment compensation fund more than withstood this added volume of outgo and was at its record June 30 level at the close of the fiscal year, greater in proportion to size of working force than that of any other state in the nation.

An accounting of the unemployment compensation trust fund shows a reserve of \$41,533,000 as of June 30 last. This is an increase of more than \$1,700,000 in balance from the year before. Examination of the account indicates that insurance payments during calendar 1953 were only slightly greater than in 1952, but that contributions from employers shrank about one-third, due to the new reduced rates on employer payrolls adopted by the 1953 legislature.

Three Millions Paid Out

Nearly three millions of dollars were paid out of the Montana fund for unemployment compensation during fiscal 1954, exceeding the payments of the previous fiscal year by about \$600,000. In addition Montana veterans returning from military service during the fifties were paid nearly \$300,000 of unemployment compensation in fiscal 1954 under the federal program. State funds were reimbursed for these payments to veterans.

Administrative Cost is Decreased

A digest of administrative expenditures during the fiscal year 1954 reveals a total cost of \$976,000 for necessary operations of the agency as compared with \$1,018,500 the year before, a decrease of \$42,000 in annual cost. Administrative funds come exclusively from the federal appropriation which in turn is allotted to state use by the Bureau of Employment Security of the United States Department of Labor.

Employment Growth Is Slower

Employment levels during fiscal 1954 averaged slightly above those of the preceding year and, while the highest yet attained in the state, it is noticeable that the rate of annual growth of the employed working force was slowed down under the impact of the changing national and state economy. The margin over the record of the previous year is less than had prevailed in other recent years. New jobs did not keep pace with new job-seekers in the labor market.

Volume of unemployment appears to confirm this slowdown in growth of job opportunities. There were more jobseekers available for work at the close of each month than at similar time in the preceding year. New entrants and re-entrants into the labor market, coupled with immigration of workers from other states, contributed to this growing surplus of workers over jobs.

More Wage Earners in Fiscal 1954

The average number of employed persons in Montana, excluding agriculture, increased during fiscal 1954 by 600 over the previous year, from 154,000 to 154,600. High level of the year was in September, 1953, with 161,500, which exceeded by 300 the previous record month of August, 1952. From the September peak the employment figure diminished seasonally to 145,700 in February, a differential of 15,800 or approximately ten percent. The average differential during the past eight years has been 15,600.

Seasonal Pattern Maintained

Counterbalancing this seasonal dip is the seasonal rise from winter valley of employment to the peak in the following summer. A seven-year average increase of 18,100, or 2,500 greater than the average seasonal decrease, reflects the long-range labor market growth and the expansion of total employment. In 1954 the rise from the valley mark in February to the summit in June was 12,900, or about 5,000 less than the average seasonal upsurge.

More Jobs Found for Applicants

Placement service to applicants by the state employment service offices resulted in a greater number placed in jobs in fiscal 1954 than during the preceding year. The increase is noted both in the field of commerce and industry, and in agri-

culture. Commerce and industry employers were furnished with more than 36,000 workers during the year, while agricultural employers hired 31,000 applicants upon referral from offices of the employment service.

Labor Pool Outgrows Labor Demand

In the matter of new applicants for work a substantial increase in the year is reflected. Each month through the year showed a substantial margin of new work applications over the record of the same month of the preceding year. This proceeds from new entrants, re-entrants, and in-migrants seeking work.

A companion reflector of the job situation is furnished in figures on number of active job applicants in the files of employment service offices as of the last of each month. Out of this carry-over, supplemented by new work applications, the requirements of employers are met. Each month during the past fiscal year the number of this applicant carry-over has surpassed that of the same month a year previous.

Jobs for Veterans

Employment services to veterans of military action show a consistently increasing level for the past year. More veterans were included in the jobseeker supply and by about the same proportion more veterans were placed in jobs by the employment service. Encouraging improvement in the number of job placements procured for disabled veterans is reflected. Approximately one-third of the veteran applicants who were placed went into farm jobs, following very closely the pattern maintained in the preceding year.

Farm Hiring Surpasses Previous Years

Hiring of farm workers was accomplished to an increasing degree through employment service facilities. Farm job placements reached a total of more than 31,000 during fiscal 1954, surpassing the preceding year by 7,000, and exceeding records of both 1951 and 1952. General farm work on diversified units led other types of farms in number of hires through this service, closely followed by grain farms, mostly for harvest and planting services, and by sugar beet farms.

Amendments Now Operative

The fiscal year 1954 saw the first full year of application of amendments to Montana laws on unemployment compensation adopted by the legislative session of 1953. It was also the first year after termination of military conflict in Korea and reflected the impact of economic changes resulting from that alteration in production requirements.

During the year the Commission revised some of its operational policies in the interest of better business practices and more thorough protection of the public funds which it administers. The writing of insurance checks for qualified claimants is now

centralized in the commission offices in Helena and is being transformed to a more speedy and economical mechanical process. Reports on current claims are scheduled on a weekly instead of a biweekly basis and thus sporadic delays and bottlenecks are removed.

Tax Rates Diminish, Benefits Advance

Two major changes by the legislature in 1953 included reduction of the payroll tax collections by one-third in amount, from an average of 1.8 percent of the taxable payroll to 1.2 percent; and adoption of a new benefit schedule which raised the maximum weekly check allowable to \$23 from the former limit of \$20, and permitted payment of twenty such checks to a claimant in a benefit year instead of eighteen. Other amendments were designed to strengthen the provisions of the law governing disqualifications and to eliminate from eligibility to benefits claimants of doubtful attachment to the labor market.

More Claims in 1954

More claims for benefits accompanied the transition from a partial war-basis to a relative peacetime condition, and an increase in number and amount of payments followed. The bulk of these claims and insurance payments are dated in the closing six months of the fiscal year, which are the first six months of the calendar year 1954. The claim volume at the close of the fiscal period was approximately fifty percent greater than at its beginning.

Second Highest Post-War Benefit Total

The \$2,884,000 of insurance paid out in fiscal 1954 is the second highest drain on the state fund since 1945, being exceeded by the \$4,696,000 in fiscal 1950. In 1946 and 1947 the totals paid to unemployed persons including veteran readjustment allowances were nearly \$4,000,000 for each year, but the state fund itself bore only about one-fourth of that burden. Still further back in history of unemployment compensation in Montana, the total payments in 1940 were over \$3,000,000.

Seasonal Trends Follow Established Pattern

Seasonal aspects of Montana's unemployment insurance claim load in fiscal 1954 bear a close resemblance to the pattern established in previous years. Nearly full employment in the summer was indicated by a low volume of claims. November started the rise as seasonal industries ceased or curtailed their employment. December doubled the volume, January doubled it again. Peak of insurance payments was reached in March, followed by a seasonal decline in weeks of unemployment during the spring months. The decline was slightly less pronounced than during other recent spring seasons.

Healthy Growth of Reserve Fund

Of primary interest in considering the unemployment insurance system in Montana is the comfortable \$41,000,000 balance in its unemployment compensation fund. Income consists of employer payroll tax contributions and interest on the fund itself. Outgo is limited to payment of benefits to qualified unemployed workers.

Declines in Tax Rates

Aggregate contributions by employers have moved upward through most of the years since 1937, when the program was instituted. Exceptions occurred in 1947 when the old uniform rate of two and seven-tenths percent of all covered payrolls was slashed by a net one-third to an average of one and eight-tenths, and again in 1953 when a succeeding legislature again lopped off one-third of the remaining tax to make it average one and two tenths percent. Another minor decline in contributions during War II resulted from curtailed employment within the state for wartime reasons.

Interest Nearly Million a Year

In addition to payroll tax contributions, the fund received \$850,000 from interest in fiscal 1953, and \$960,000 from the same source in 1954. In the period beginning with establishment of the Commission in 1937 the interest item has added nearly \$7,000,000 to the benefit trust fund.

Number of Employing Units Grows

Contributions are derived from 14,588 employers in Montana coming under the law, a number which has grown steadily since 1947 from an 11,026 figure. Thirteen of these employers each pay a million dollars a year, or more, as wages; another 26 have payrolls ranging from \$500,000 up to a million; 66 employers pay from \$250,000 to \$500,000; and the number increases as the brackets get down into smaller figures.

Benefit Financing Experience Tabulated

An historical account of Montana experience in unemployment compensation is written in statistical form in Table 11, in this report. The march of figures across the page portrays economic developments in Montana's industry and reveals the wage and employment expansion which has marked the past dozen calendar years with a clarity that mere words can not duplicate.

Average Employment Up Fifty Percent From 1941

Average monthly employment in industries subject to unemployment compensation laws is noted at a pre-war high in 1941, advanced slightly in 1942, then diminished through the war years as Montana's working force was shared with the armed services and with war industry in coastal states. It rebounded in 1946 and 1947 and has advanced each year since, to register in 1953 an approximate fifty percent growth since 1941.

Average Weekly Wage, from \$27 to \$66

Average weekly wage figures reflect the advancing wage rates of the war and post-war period—from \$27 a week in 1941 to \$66 weekly in 1953, with each year of the interim registering a gain from the year before.

Average Benefits from \$11 to \$19

The average amount of unemployment insurance paid per week for the same years also shows a steady advance, but as steadily reduced in percentage of the wage average. The \$27 a week man in 1941 received an \$11 benefit check if unemployed, on the average. In 1953 the \$66 a week paycheck was convertible into a \$19.25 benefit. The 1941 worker had 40 percent of his wage insured, the 1953 worker was protected to the extent of 29 percent.

Fewer "Exhaustions" in 1953

Number of claimants who obtain the maximum number of benefit checks during their benefit year is shown for each of the years in the table. In early years of the program, and again in 1949 and 1950, the record shows this number reached its highest levels. It dropped in 1953 to the lowest point since war-time. A percentage relation of these exhausted claims to claims which reached compensable stage is given in the table.

Two relationships considered basic in study of the unemployment insurance system are: total amount of benefits as a percentage of total amount of taxable wages in the same period; and number of claimants obtaining benefits during the year as a percentage of the number of workers employed during that year in industry covered by the law. Both of these percentages were on a favorable level for the year 1953.

EMPLOYMENT

Placement and Insurance

Records

of

1954

Table 1—OPERATIONS OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION TRUST FUND

Summary of Transactions, 1936-1954

Calendar Year	Contributions from Employers	Benefits Paid
1936	\$ 539,593.54	\$
1937	1,829,055.37	
1938	2,240,552.68	
1939	2,466,264.78	764,880.00
1940	2,788,983.74	3,147,254.07
1941	2,971,101.31	2,550,570.53
1942	3,385,457.78	1,224,808.50
1943	3,508,665.17	108,497.00
1944	3,503,985.30	96,833.00
1945	3,546,392.72	132,504.00
1946	4,360,110.43	1,089,367.03
1947	3,440,286.80	927,009.42
1948	3,915,568.66	1,270,136.78
1949	4,201,313.82	2,668,451.58
1950	4,467,855.20	4,280,255.69
1951	4,972,503.62	2,285,013.68
1952	5,363,872.71	2,155,393.44
1953	3,684,937.01	2,347,056.11
*1954	882,101.63	2,393,196.05
	\$ 62,068,602.27	\$ 27,441,226.88

*Includes contributions for first quarter and benefits paid during first and second quarters of 1954.

Total Contributions to June 30, 1954		\$ 62,068,602.27
Penalty and Interest	\$ 11,866.02	
Interest on Fund	6,891,922.93	
Outstanding Benefit Checks	2,199.00	6,905,987.95
Total Income		\$ 68,974,590.22
Benefits Paid to June 30, 1954		27,441,226.88
Balance in Fund, June 30, 1954		\$ 41,533,363.34

Transactions, Fiscal 1954

Balance in Fund, June 30, 1953	\$ 39,787,509.23
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Receipts:

Contributions 7-1-53 to 6-30-54	\$ 3,639,286.19	
Penalty and Interest	8,824.98	
Interest on Fund	969,655.11	4,617,766.28
		\$ 44,405,275.51

Disbursements:

Benefits Paid	\$ 2,865,273.56	
Penalty and Interest Transferred to Administration Fund	6,638.61	2,871,912.17
Balance in Fund, June 30, 1954		\$ 41,533,363.34

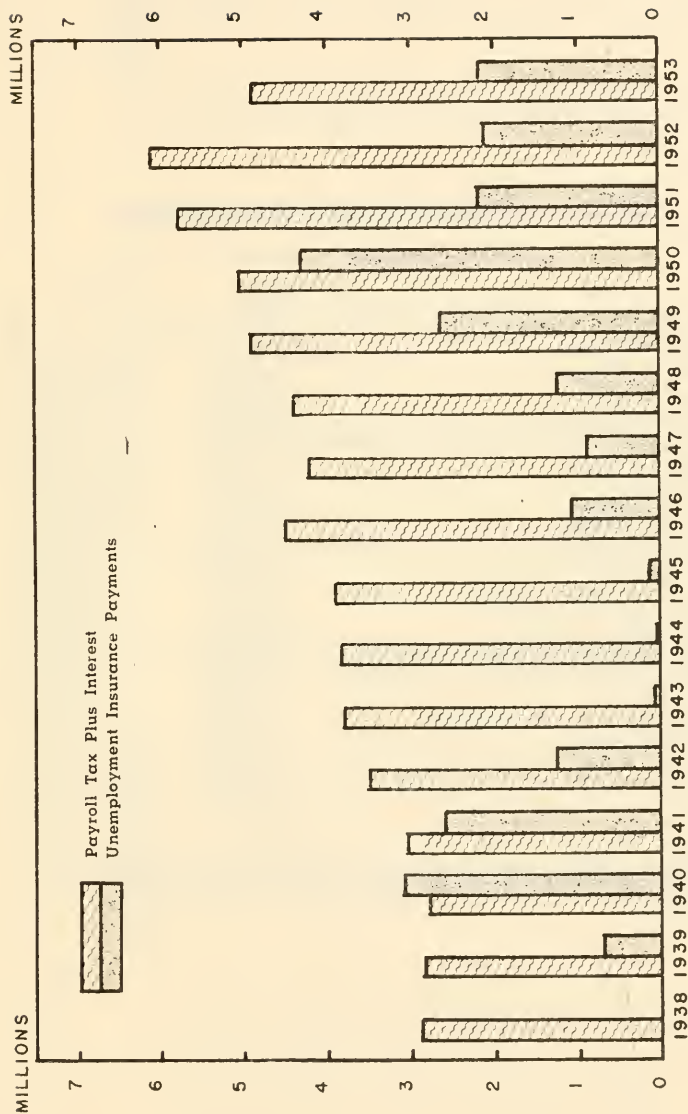


Chart I—UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE INCOME AND EXPENSE

Montana, 1938-1953

Table 2—ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES

Fiscal 1954, With 1953 Comparisons

Expended for:	Fiscal 1954	Fiscal 1953
Personal Services	\$ 747,973.96	\$ 769,683.54
Supplies	36,399.04	42,221.87
Rent of Premises	53,259.00	54,290.50
Equipment Purchases	10,618.63	13,880.69
Communications	19,269.58	19,379.92
Travel	45,311.86	48,246.73
Printing and Binding	1,916.73	5,656.87
Equipment Rentals	15,551.63	15,857.00
Equipment Repairs	2,414.18	2,886.39
Repair of Premises	808.48	1,059.00
Heat, Light, Water	4,564.14	4,015.26
Share Merit System Expense	6,597.64	7,465.63
Industrial Accident Insurance	2,210.48	2,207.61
Public Retirement System	24,058.79	25,161.98
Freight, Express, Drayage	1,633.62	1,227.80
Bonding and Insurance	205.98	1,131.14
Court Costs	579.24	1,181.99
Mail Service, P. O. Box Rentals	742.01	727.94
Experience Rating	182.70	111.90
Photostats	315.70	142.80
Other Current Expenses	1,431.16*	1,966.37*
Total	\$ 976,044.55	\$ 1,018,502.93

*Includes necessary miscellaneous expenses, such as: Itinerant service rentals, deposit box rentals, advertising, signs, engraving and facsimiles, and other.

Table 3—EMPLOYMENT TRANSACTIONS

By Offices—Fiscal 1954

OFFICES	New Jobseekers Registered	Counseling Interviews Conducted	JOB PLACEMENTS			EMPLOYER VISITS				
			Male	Female	Total	Industrial	Agric.	Total	Industrial	Agric.
Anaconda	759	36	915	70	985	680	305	742	514	228
Billings	4,952	1,338	9,854	999	10,853	3,643	7,210	2,622	1,316	1,306
Bozeman	1,649	228	4,449	783	5,232	2,863	2,369	1,549	1,272	277
Butte	3,371	255	1,481	94	1,575	1,523	52	1,036	1,014	22
Cut Bank	561	40	795	48	843	561	282	970	753	217
Dillon	1,034	23	1,587	159	1,746	554	1,192	679	644	35
Glasgow	1,863	247	2,182	467	2,649	1,519	1,130	1,238	795	443
Glendive	1,077	153	2,326	340	2,666	1,733	933	1,041	559	482
Great Falls	5,214	580	6,012	969	6,981	4,308	2,673	2,093	1,146	947
Hamilton	533	63	2,846	390	3,236	548	2,688	1,360	554	806
Havre	1,432	102	3,058	345	3,403	2,007	1,396	1,116	613	503
Helena	2,536	300	2,984	560	3,544	2,587	957	1,528	1,082	446
Kalispell	4,144	191	1,868	724	2,592	2,172	420	1,347	1,101	246
Lewistown	990	80	1,234	165	1,399	515	884	1,505	680	825
Livingston	1,219	105	1,589	328	1,917	1,194	723	1,212	835	377
Miles City	1,257	91	2,552	244	2,796	1,103	1,693	1,414	752	662
Missoula	2,770	1,166	4,793	1,049	5,842	4,286	1,556	2,389	2,037	352
Polson	969	21	532	406	938	520	418	321	269	52
Shelby	997	95	1,843	150	1,993	1,223	770	888	683	205
Sidney	925	143	2,071	343	2,414	1,005	1,409	883	527	356
Wolf Point	972	89	1,354	123	1,477	585	892	647	370	277
Teacher Placement	443	0	224	242	466	466	0	198	198	0
Closed Offices*	348	51	1,596	93	1,689	568	1,121	694	341	353
Fiscal 1954	40,015	5,397	58,145	9,091	67,236	36,163	31,073	27,472	18,055	9,417
Fiscal 1953	35,559	4,922	49,378	9,552	58,930	34,958	23,972	30,123	20,764	9,359

*Forsyth, Fort Benton, Malta, Libby, Thompson Falls, offices discontinued, September, 1953.

Table 4—NEW JOB APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

By Office and Month—Fiscal 1954

OFFICES	1953						1954						Total
	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	
Anaconda.....	68	70	52	58	68	65	103	81	55	40	40	59	759
Billings.....	212	213	214	307	644	637	705	565	380	333	298	444	4,952
Bozeman.....	129	67	80	113	134	141	177	109	139	138	198	204	1,649
Butte.....	210	162	170	184	294	371	433	474	287	229	256	301	3,371
Cut Bank.....	19	15	34	38	41	88	109	54	40	24	48	51	561
Dillon.....	119	103	89	83	81	98	83	71	48	29	101	129	1,034
Glasgow.....	175	248	131	118	97	192	172	118	111	148	184	169	1,863
Glendive.....	44	81	79	90	74	136	141	131	84	77	79	61	1,077
Great Falls.....	259	175	380	312	564	559	629	440	444	451	465	536	5,214
Hamilton.....	13	14	14	14	33	56	73	104	68	34	50	60	533
Havre.....	115	142	89	45	95	146	155	101	111	125	133	175	1,432
Helena.....	116	354	298	170	230	182	251	223	173	142	175	222	2,536
Kalispell.....	569	289	191	136	296	446	646	289	368	226	207	481	4,144
Lewistown.....	61	68	61	63	61	112	151	109	86	74	68	76	990
Livingston.....	43	58	46	83	148	111	173	141	108	102	100	106	1,219
Miles City.....	51	53	63	90	111	182	219	152	134	48	42	112	1,257
Missoula.....	189	104	228	227	362	314	398	229	248	121	123	227	2,770
Polson.....	249	53	39	26	47	108	118	84	45	50	43	107	969
Shelby.....	47	27	28	31	90	84	123	81	72	151	177	86	997
Sidney.....	127	67	64	73	98	97	113	83	39	57	51	56	925
Wolf Point.....	89	116	52	38	84	106	143	105	57	57	53	72	972
Teacher Placement.....	29	33	10	3	10	13	21	29	75	101	79	40	443
Closed Offices*.....	86	176	86	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	348
Fiscal 1954.....	3,019	2,688	2,498	2,302	3,662	4,244	5,186	3,773	3,172	2,777	2,970	3,774	40,015
Fiscal 1953.....	2,882	2,382	2,244	2,036	3,242	3,909	4,385	3,010	2,837	2,539	2,831	3,262	35,559

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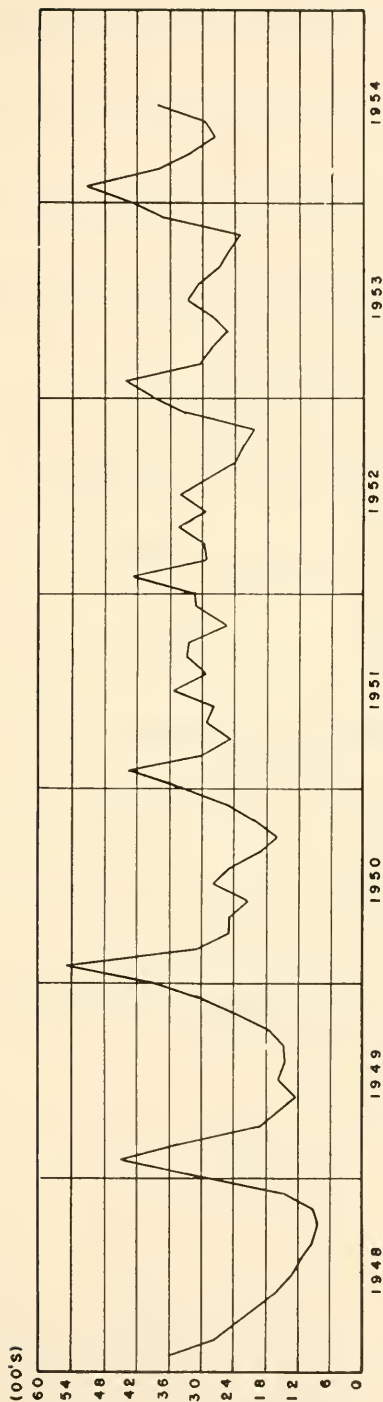


Chart II—VOLUME OF NEW APPLICATIONS FOR WORK

Montana, 1948-1954

Table 5--PLACEMENTS IN INDUSTRIAL JOBS

By Offices--Fiscal 1954

OFFICES	Agri.	Forestry Fishing	Mining	Constr.	Manufac- turing	R.R., Other Pub. Util.	Trade	Fin., Ins., R. Estate	Service	House- hold	Gov't.	Total
Anaconda.....	305	6	27	38	501	8	33	5	28	10	24	985
Billings.....	7,210	0	517	215	216	261	1,337	37	320	703	37	10,853
Bozeman.....	1,928	4	0	653	435	199	761	23	330	307	151	4,791
Butte.....	493	1	1,244	20	23	30	136	10	48	5	6	2,016
Cut Bank.....	282	62	56	208	3	25	67	4	50	77	9	843
Dillon.....	1,192	26	42	116	0	78	144	0	92	56	0	1,746
Glasgow.....	1,130	0	0	491	6	58	333	11	299	275	46	2,649
Glendale.....	933	0	59	682	25	285	370	8	221	45	38	2,666
Great Falls.....	2,673	449	5	768	225	625	1,288	78	480	243	147	6,981
Hamilton.....	2,688	0	5	135	197	3	72	1	19	83	33	3,236
Havre.....	1,396	0	4	481	31	630	631	3	120	69	38	3,403
Helena.....	957	376	18	618	413	97	303	79	223	230	230	3,544
Kalispell.....	420	10	46	430	435	50	678	11	129	126	257	2,592
Lewistown.....	884	16	6	189	60	49	94	6	46	30	19	1,399
Livingston.....	723	183	0	145	109	233	185	15	177	117	30	1,917
Miles City.....	1,693	0	15	393	68	60	320	4	104	103	36	2,796
Missoula.....	1,556	103	27	330	1,115	483	1,259	79	465	245	180	5,842
Polson.....	418	17	0	65	60	15	286	3	17	51	6	938
Shelby.....	770	0	12	713	25	73	187	9	90	101	13	1,993
Sidney.....	1,409	0	16	290	149	33	273	7	112	111	14	2,414
Wolf Point.....	892	0	6	171	7	38	203	23	90	36	11	1,477
Teacher Placement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	466	0	0	466
Closed Offices*	1,121	43	2	242	62	22	65	0	62	38	32	1,689
Fiscal 1954	31,073	1,296	2,107	7,393	4,165	3,355	9,025	416	3,988	3,061	1,357	67,236
Fiscal 1953.....	23,972	438	2,129	7,551	4,599	3,876	7,956	419	4,054	2,653	1,283	58,930

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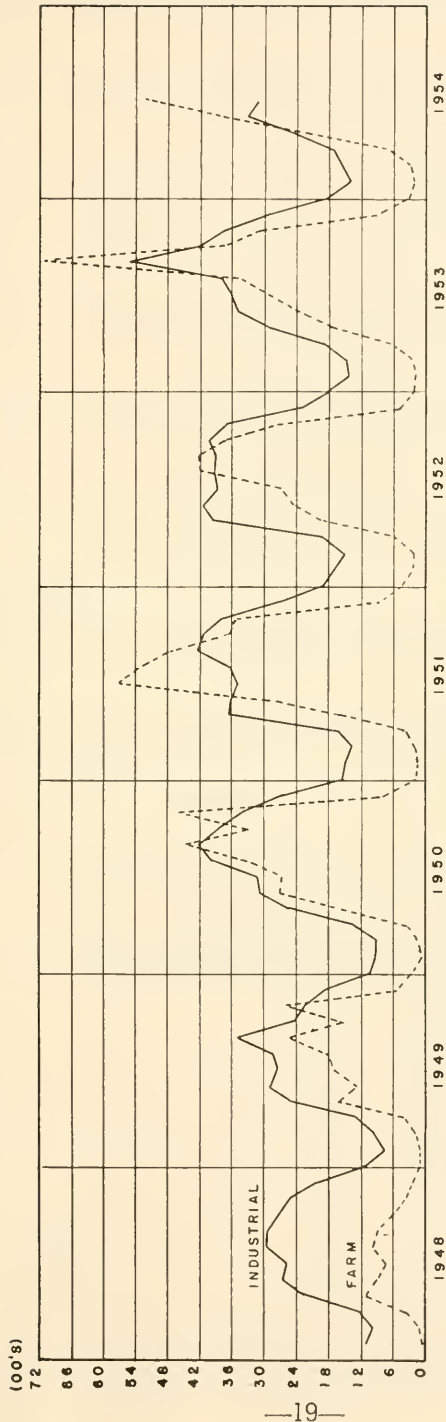


Chart III—JOB PLACEMENTS IN INDUSTRY AND AGRICULTURE

Montana, 1948-1954

Table 6—ACTIVE APPLICATIONS FOR WORK, END OF MONTH

By Offices—Fiscal 1954

OFFICES	1953					1954					Avg.		
	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.		May	June
Anaconda	54	49	48	72	110	128	192	153	171	131	108	142	113
Billings	309	443	209	269	568	910	1,394	1,127	1,001	987	913	672	734
Bozeman	33	45	61	87	138	235	371	443	388	380	213	195	213
Butte	289	234	223	340	610	688	762	936	868	781	726	572	585
Cut Bank	6	8	9	29	77	148	243	261	226	143	56	27	103
Dillon	98	81	22	39	38	61	112	144	129	66	28	45	71
Glasgow	40	37	52	79	123	287	317	401	378	253	212	161	195
Glendive	15	11	24	12	27	71	137	126	121	91	76	41	62
Great Falls	257	220	384	479	772	1,039	1,410	1,644	1,549	1,210	605	768	861
Hamilton	65	28	34	56	86	215	313	353	228	170	112	91	146
Havre	30	24	34	28	93	156	279	286	251	154	83	90	125
Helena	187	127	132	176	302	436	636	646	604	467	358	282	362
Kalispell	892	234	320	312	630	1,073	2,084	1,825	1,680	1,682	1,186	1,018	1,078
Lewistown	36	37	31	44	101	189	303	309	302	163	92	86	141
Livingston	23	47	66	81	161	266	437	416	420	330	197	148	216
Miles City	64	28	59	57	158	269	522	627	527	225	152	169	238
Missoula	262	195	323	372	666	1,132	1,597	1,568	1,206	1,027	683	480	734
Polson	344	44	69	76	170	297	513	478	383	293	214	213	258
Shelby	17	16	19	16	71	95	202	239	169	122	77	76	93
Sidney	57	29	24	45	68	119	231	239	255	161	79	78	115
Wolf Point	26	21	14	19	79	118	215	224	219	109	53	49	95
Teacher Placement	381	249	84	69	59	79	256	513	678	796	769	566	375
Closed Offices*	145	111	131	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	129
Fiscal 1954	3,630	2,318	2,372	2,757	5,107	8,011	12,526	12,958	11,753	9,741	6,960	5,969	7,009
Fiscal 1953	2,191	1,619	1,388	1,955	4,135	7,517	10,616	10,995	9,323	6,043	4,324	3,910	5,335

*Forsyth, Fort Benton, Malta, Libby, Thompson Falls, offices discontinued, September, 1953.

Table 7—EMPLOYMENT TRANSACTIONS—VETERANS

By Offices—Fiscal 1954

OFFICE	New Jobseekers		Counseling Interviews Conducted	Placements		
	Total	Dis- abled		Total	Agri.	Dis- abled
Anaconda	218	7	13	338	55	12
Billings	1,343	69	315	2,130	620	22
Bozeman	527	112	147	1,429	366	67
Butte	317	16	65	375	8	7
Cut Bank	213	8	17	354	109	6
Dillon	480	1	13	705	513	1
Glasgow	475	19	86	770	294	45
Glendive	360	25	45	917	244	36
Great Falls	1,617	31	240	2,575	883	37
Hamilton	146	2	34	210	70	5
Havre	479	10	49	1,380	536	20
Helena	994	134	135	1,595	369	56
Kalispell	1,043	26	115	813	79	29
Lewistown	226	10	16	529	323	12
Livingston	375	38	54	759	320	22
Miles City	431	15	18	972	500	0
Missoula	795	33	106	2,123	396	51
Polson	202	6	14	157	67	2
Shelby	195	9	53	625	243	10
Sidney	178	17	27	427	176	22
Wolf Point	292	1	48	403	197	0
Teacher Placement	187	2	0	153	0	0
Closed Offices*	121	6	12	554	344	7
Fiscal 1954	11,214	597	1,622	20,293	6,712	469
Fiscal 1953	9,617	530	1,583	17,820	5,721	363

*Forsyth, Fort Benton, Malta, Libby, Thompson Falls, offices discontinued, September, 1953.

Table 8—PLACEMENTS IN FARM JOBS

Four-Year Comparison—By Type of Farm

TYPE OF FARM	Fiscal Year			
	1951	1952	1953	1954
General	6,374	6,559	5,989	7,233
Grain	4,042	5,664	4,914	6,779
Sugar Beet	9,045	5,918	2,812	6,762
Livestock and Poultry	2,561	3,288	2,974	3,433
Vegetable	2,775	2,688	3,492	3,079
Hay	2,039	1,802	2,005	1,835
Fruit	340	736	1,383	1,735
Dairy	207	167	108	115
Unclassified	150	86	209	65
Service to Agriculture	317	66	86	37
TOTAL	27,850	26,974	23,972	31,073

Table 9—EMPLOYER ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATED SAVINGS

Under Experience Rating—1947 - 1954

	NUMBER OF ACCOUNTS			Taxable Payrolls	Taxes Paid	Taxes @ 2.7	Estimated Savings	Percent Savings	Average Tax Rate
	Total	Unrated	Rated	Reduced					
1947	11,024	4,176	6,848	6,525	\$ 3,382,897	\$ 5,226,264	\$ 1,843,367	35.3	1.75
1948	12,032	4,617	7,415	6,986	3,914,379	6,064,834	2,150,455	35.5	1.75
1949	12,707	4,862	7,845	7,158	4,176,911	6,366,276	2,189,365	34.4	1.77
1950	13,377	5,182	8,195	7,149	4,455,262	6,695,279	2,240,017	33.5	1.79
1951	14,382	5,357	9,025	7,235	5,057,106	7,226,050	2,168,944	30.0	1.88
1952	14,146	4,389	9,757	7,683	5,340,082	7,727,597	2,387,515	30.9	1.86
1953	14,175	3,940	10,235	8,272	3,434,633	7,436,322	4,001,689	53.8	1.24
1954	14,588	4,080	10,508	9,076	3,305,829	7,700,635	4,394,806	57.1	1.16
Eight-Year Total				\$ 2,016,416,905	\$33,067,099	\$54,443,257	\$21,376,158		

Table 10—AVERAGE OF WEEKLY EARNINGS, HOURS, AND HOURLY EARNINGS

Selected Montana Industries—Fiscal 1954

A—Average Weekly Earnings in Dollars

INDUSTRY—	1954												Avg.
	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	
All Manufacturing	78.23	81.30	79.81	79.21	80.05	81.54	80.42	77.50	76.77	77.54	78.25	78.09	79.06
Durable Goods	79.97	84.01	81.85	83.20	81.30	83.08	81.73	77.89	76.71	76.20	78.90	79.51	80.36
Primary Metals.....	86.46	87.00	90.11	90.48	90.80	91.34	89.97	75.86	73.96	73.75	73.56	72.75	83.00
Nondurable Goods	75.18	76.67	76.36	73.69	78.34	79.34	78.46	79.34	76.86	79.64	77.17	75.66	77.02
Food and Kindred Products.....	62.67	65.99	64.15	63.75	68.20	69.82	66.98	65.51	65.48	63.85	66.02	64.23	65.55
All Mining	90.12	91.51	94.50	93.03	92.50	95.97	94.12	80.06	77.55	80.81	81.13	80.71	87.67
Metal Mining.....	91.33	92.64	95.34	91.80	92.02	96.54	94.57	75.74	73.56	77.34	76.05	77.93	86.24
Transportation and Utilities	76.60	75.20	78.47	75.42	74.54	77.67	75.08	74.46	76.47	74.50	74.70	78.61	75.98
(Except Railroads).....	94.51	92.35	92.86	90.04	86.41	90.66	89.79	88.26	90.28	87.67	87.38	90.78	90.08
Transportation.....	67.85	66.32	71.08	67.86	68.94	71.68	68.09	67.86	69.96	68.15	68.71	72.80	69.11
Utilities.....													
B—Average Weekly Hours													
All Manufacturing	40.5	41.5	40.7	41.5	41.2	41.5	40.4	39.3	39.0	39.3	40.2	39.7	40.4
Durable Goods	40.5	41.9	40.7	41.6	40.5	41.5	40.7	39.7	39.4	39.4	41.1	40.6	40.6
Primary Metals.....	44.8	44.4	44.4	45.1	45.1	45.4	44.8	39.8	39.1	38.9	38.8	38.4	42.4
Nondurable Goods	40.4	40.9	40.8	40.9	42.3	41.5	40.0	38.8	38.5	39.3	38.8	38.2	40.0
Food and Kindred Products.....	41.2	42.3	41.6	42.5	44.3	44.0	41.9	40.5	39.8	39.5	40.5	39.4	41.5
All Mining	41.4	41.5	42.2	41.8	41.7	43.2	42.8	38.3	37.2	37.6	38.0	37.6	40.3
Metal Mining.....	42.6	42.8	42.9	41.9	42.6	43.8	43.7	37.4	36.5	36.9	36.5	37.2	40.4
Utilities (Except Railroads)	40.5	39.3	41.4	39.3	38.8	41.2	39.1	39.2	40.2	39.6	39.2	41.6	40.0

C—Average Hourly Earnings in Dollars

All Manufacturing	1.93	1.96	1.96	1.92	1.93	1.96	1.99	1.97	1.97	1.97	1.95	1.97	1.96
Durable Goods	1.98	2.01	2.01	2.00	2.01	2.00	2.01	1.96	1.95	1.93	1.92	1.96	1.98
Primary Metals.....	1.93	1.96	2.03	2.01	2.01	2.01	2.01	1.89	1.89	1.89	1.90	1.90	1.95
Nondurable Goods	1.86	1.88	1.87	1.80	1.85	1.91	1.96	1.98	2.00	2.03	1.99	1.98	1.93
Food and Kindred Products.....	1.52	1.56	1.54	1.50	1.54	1.59	1.60	1.62	1.64	1.62	1.63	1.63	1.58
All Mining	2.18	2.20	2.24	2.23	2.22	2.22	2.20	2.03	2.09	2.15	2.14	2.15	2.17
Metal Mining.....	2.14	2.16	2.22	2.19	2.16	2.20	2.16	2.03	2.02	2.10	2.08	2.10	2.13
Utilities (Except Railroads)	1.68	1.69	1.72	1.73	1.78	1.74	1.74	1.73	1.74	1.72	1.75	1.75	1.73

Table 11—DIGEST OF MONTANA UNEMPLOYMENT

	Calendar Year—	1941	1942	1943
I. Finance				
1. Trust Fund Balance	(000's)	\$5,979	\$8,216	\$11,896
2. Average Contribution Rate ⁽²⁾	(%)	2.70	2.70	2.70
3. Contribution Collections	(000's)	\$2,967	\$3,303	\$3,583
4. Trust Fund Interest	(000's)	\$ 128	\$ 157	\$ 205
5. Benefit Payments	(000's)	\$2,551	\$1,224	\$ 108
II. Benefits, Wages, Claims (Relations)				
1. Benefits to Taxable Wages	(%)	2.4	1.0	0.1
2. Trust Fund to Taxable Wages	(%)	5.7	6.6	9.2
3. Average Weekly Benefit to:				
(a) Average Weekly Wage (Gross)	(%)	40.1	35.3	33.0
(b) Same (Taxable)	(%)	42.0	36.8	35.1
4. First Payments to New Claims Filed	(%)	⁽³⁾	⁽³⁾	64.5
5. Initial Claims per 4 Weeks to				
Average Covered Employment	(%)	2.7	1.3	0.2
6. Claim Exhaustions to First Payments ⁽⁴⁾	(%)	44.0	29.0	18.2
7. Insured Unemployment to Covered Employment (%)		-----	-----	-----
III. Employment and Claims				
1. Covered Employment:				
(a) Average Monthly	(number)	77,192	78,464	74,108
(b) Wages (Gross)	(000's)	\$110,061	\$130,165	\$136,667
(c) Wages (Taxable)	(000's)	\$105,175	\$124,744	\$128,802
(d) Avg. Weekly Wage (Gross)	(amount)	\$27.42	\$31.90	\$35.47
(e) Same (Taxable)	(amount)	\$26.20	\$30.57	\$33.42
2. Claims Data:				
(a) New Claims Initiated	(number)	⁽³⁾	⁽³⁾	1,881
(b) First Payments Made	(number)	18,591	9,784	1,214
(c) Avg. Weekly Benefit	(amount)	\$11.00	\$11.25	\$11.72
(d) Avg. Weeks Compensated	(number)	12.5	11.1	7.7
(e) Avg. Weeks Entitlement	(number)	16.0	16.0	16.0
(f) Claims Exhausted	(number)	9,179	3,563	239
(g) Avg. Weekly Insured				
Unemployment	(number)	-----	-----	-----

¹ Preliminary, subject to revision.

² Experience Rating Effective 1-1-47.

³ Not Available.

⁴ Claim Exhaustions in calendar year as per cent of first payments during twelve months end

EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FINANCING, 1941-1953

1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953(1)
15,584	\$19,326	\$22,698	\$25,923	\$29,055	\$31,257	\$32,032	\$35,535	\$39,526	\$42,058
2.70	2.70	2.70	1.75	1.75	1.77	1.80	1.92	1.91	1.27
\$3,526	\$3,541	\$4,068	\$ 3,699	\$ 3,837	\$ 4,235	\$ 4,398	\$ 5,083	\$ 5,324	\$ 3,939
\$ 260	\$ 333	\$ 393	\$ 477	\$ 566	\$ 640	\$ 656	\$ 715	\$ 824	\$ 945
\$ 97	\$ 132	\$1,089	\$ 938	\$ 1,270	\$ 2,669	\$ 4,280	\$ 2,285	\$ 2,155	\$ 2,347
0.1	0.1	0.7	0.5	0.6	1.1	1.7	0.9	0.8	0.8
12.1	14.7	14.2	13.5	13.1	13.4	12.9	13.3	14.1	14.8
33.4	34.6	33.3	31.7	32.3	33.0	32.4	29.4	28.6	29.0
35.5	37.1	36.1	35.2	36.8	38.0	38.1	36.2	36.4	37.8
52.2	25.0	44.1	59.7	67.5	67.7	83.8	67.0	74.9	62.3
0.2	0.7	1.9	1.2	1.2	2.3	2.4	1.8	1.6	1.9
28.7	35.6	38.4	34.9	33.4	35.7	32.1	24.8	19.8	14.8
-----	-----	-----	2.0	2.0	3.8	5.2	2.8	2.4	2.7
72,000	71,714	82,996	92,050	98,103	98,925	101,182	104,028	106,305	107,246
\$8,440	\$140,582	\$173,065	\$214,800	\$253,244	\$270,240	\$291,766	\$328,910	\$356,633	\$370,746
\$30,134	\$131,104	\$159,456	\$193,561	\$221,937	\$234,099	\$247,986	\$287,638	\$280,388	\$284,269
\$36.98	\$37.70	\$40.10	\$44.88	\$49.64	\$52.53	\$55.45	\$60.80	\$64.52	\$66.48
\$34.76	\$35.16	\$36.95	\$40.44	\$43.51	\$45.51	\$47.13	\$49.48	\$50.72	\$50.97
1,611	5,933	17,073	10,843	11,306	21,741	22,421	17,263	16,065	18,138
841	1,483	7,532	6,468	7,635	14,725	18,788	11,567	12,032	11,309
\$12.34	\$13.05	\$13.35	\$14.24	\$16.01	\$17.31	\$17.97	\$17.90	\$18.45	\$19.25
9.4	6.9	10.8	10.2	10.5	10.5	12.7	11.1	9.8	10.8
16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	17.2	18.0	18.0	18.0	20.0
233	232	2,847	2,206	2,565	4,269	6,649	3,001	2,236	1,683
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September 30 of that year.

Table 12—EMPLOYMENT IN NON-AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES IN MONTANA

Preliminary Estimates, by Months, Fiscal 1954

(In Thousands)

INDUSTRY—	1954											
	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June
NON-AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES	160.1	160.4	161.5	159.8	156.7	155.8	146.9	145.7	146.9	149.6	153.3	158.6
Manufacturing	19.7	19.7	19.7	19.9	19.1	18.0	16.6	16.3	16.2	16.4	17.2	18.7
Durable Goods	12.0	11.9	11.7	11.1	10.7	10.2	9.3	9.2	9.2	9.4	10.0	11.2
Lumber and Timber Products	6.9	6.9	6.7	6.2	5.8	5.4	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.7	5.5	6.3
Primary Metals and Products	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.4	3.7
Iron, Steel, Clay, etc.	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2
Nondurable Goods	7.7	7.8	8.0	8.8	8.4	7.8	7.3	7.1	7.0	7.0	7.2	7.5
Food and kindred products	4.0	4.1	4.3	5.1	4.7	4.1	3.6	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.4	3.7
Printing and Publishing	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
Petroleum, Chemicals, Apparel, etc.	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.3
Mining	11.1	11.2	11.5	11.7	12.2	12.3	12.2	11.8	11.9	11.8	11.6	11.5
Metal Mining	7.8	7.7	7.9	8.1	8.5	8.7	8.6	8.5	8.5	8.3	8.0	7.8
Coal, Quarrying and Nonmetallic	.8	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	.9	.9	.9	.9	.9
Petroleum-Natural Gas Production	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.6	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.8
Contract Construction	11.2	11.0	11.0	11.1	9.6	8.1	6.5	6.6	7.3	8.3	9.6	11.0
Contractors, Building Construction	4.7	4.4	4.5	4.5	3.9	3.1	2.4	2.3	2.6	2.8	3.2	3.6
Contractors, Other than Building	3.4	3.6	3.5	3.5	2.7	2.2	1.7	1.8	2.0	2.7	3.4	3.8
Contractors, Special Trade	3.1	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.0	2.8	2.4	2.5	2.7	2.8	3.0	3.6
Transportation and Utilities	24.5	24.8	24.5	23.8	23.1	22.6	22.0	21.8	21.5	21.5	22.3	22.6
Interstate Railroads	15.0	15.0	14.9	14.4	13.8	13.4	12.9	12.8	12.6	12.7	13.4	13.6
Transportation Except Railroads	3.8	4.1	4.0	3.9	3.8	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.7
Utilities Including Communications	5.7	5.7	5.6	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.4	5.4	5.3	5.4	5.5
Trade	40.6	40.7	40.7	40.0	39.7	40.8	37.4	37.3	37.8	38.7	39.3	40.6
Wholesale Trade	8.8	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.8	8.7	8.7	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.7	8.9
Retail Trade	31.8	31.8	31.8	31.1	30.9	32.1	28.7	28.7	29.2	30.1	30.6	31.7
General Merchandise and Apparel	6.2	6.1	6.2	6.2	5.9	7.1	5.5	5.3	5.3	5.6	5.5	5.7
Food and Liquor Stores	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.4
Restaurants	8.3	8.4	8.2	7.6	7.6	7.5	6.8	6.9	7.1	7.4	7.8	8.3
Automotive and Filling Stations	6.0	6.0	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.8	5.6	5.6	5.7	5.8	5.9	6.1
Trade Not Elsewhere Classified	7.0	6.9	7.0	6.9	7.0	7.3	6.5	6.7	6.9	7.0	7.1	7.2
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	4.9	4.9	5.0	4.9	4.9	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.1	5.1	5.1
Services and Miscellaneous	21.1	21.3	21.0	19.8	19.4	19.2	18.4	18.2	18.3	18.8	19.2	20.5
Hotels, Rooming Houses, Camps, etc.	4.4	4.4	4.3	3.5	3.3	3.1	2.7	2.8	2.8	3.2	3.4	4.4
Personal Services	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.3
Repair, Professional, Recreational	14.3	14.5	14.3	14.0	13.9	13.9	13.5	13.2	13.3	13.4	13.5	13.8
Government, Federal, State, Local	27.0	26.8	28.1	28.6	28.7	29.8	28.8	28.7	28.9	29.0	29.0	28.6

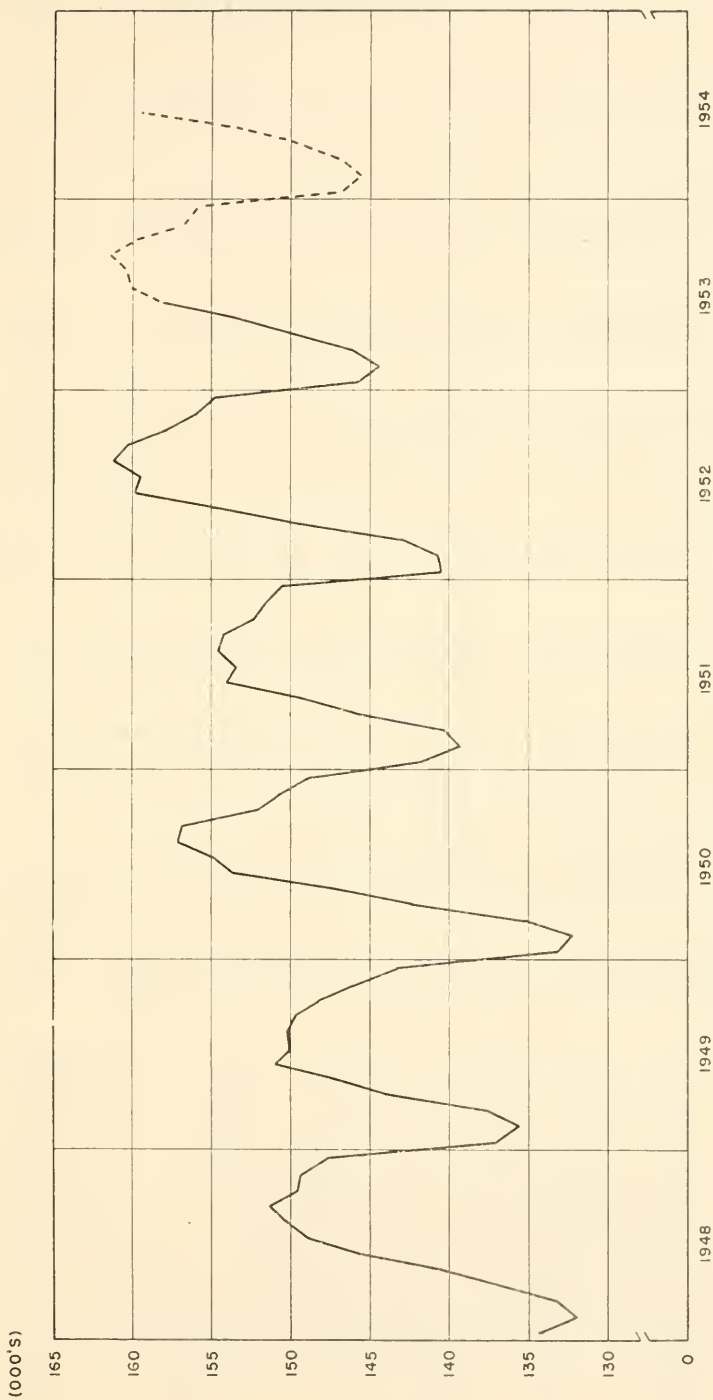


Chart IV—EMPLOYMENT IN INDUSTRY (EXCLUDING AGRICULTURE)

Montana, 1948-1954

— Final Figures
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Table 13—INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT (EXCEPT AGRICULTURE) IN MONTANA

Revised Estimates, by Months, Fiscal 1953

(In Thousands)

INDUSTRY—	1953												Avg.
	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	
NON-AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES													
Manufacturing	159.5	161.2	160.4	157.9	156.0	154.9	145.8	144.5	146.2	149.8	153.7	158.2	154.0
Durable Goods	18.9	19.5	19.1	19.7	19.1	18.0	17.1	16.7	17.0	17.2	18.1	18.8	18.3
Lumber and Timber Products	11.6	11.7	11.5	11.1	10.9	10.4	9.9	9.7	9.9	10.0	10.7	11.3	10.7
Primary Metals and Products	6.6	6.8	6.7	6.4	6.1	5.7	5.2	5.0	5.1	5.2	5.7	6.3	5.9
Iron, Steel, Stone, Clay, etc.	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.6
Nonurable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.2
Food and Kindred Products	7.3	7.8	7.6	8.6	8.2	7.6	7.2	7.0	7.1	7.2	7.4	7.5	7.6
Printing and Publishing	3.9	4.4	4.3	5.2	4.8	4.1	3.7	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.7	3.8	4.1
Petroleum, Chemical, Apparel, etc.	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
Mining	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.0
Metal Mining	11.2	11.4	11.5	11.4	11.8	12.0	11.9	11.8	11.6	11.3	10.9	11.3	11.5
Coal, Quarrying and Nonmetallic	8.0	7.9	7.9	7.8	8.2	8.4	8.5	8.5	8.4	8.0	7.6	7.8	8.1
Petroleum-Natural Gas Production	9	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1
Contract Construction	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.5	2.3
Contractors, Building Construction	13.6	13.5	12.7	11.7	10.4	8.5	6.8	6.7	7.2	8.5	9.5	10.3	9.9
Contractors, Other Than Building	4.6	4.7	4.4	4.3	4.0	3.4	2.7	2.6	2.7	3.2	3.6	4.1	3.7
Contractors, Special Trade	5.8	5.6	5.0	4.3	3.4	2.4	1.7	1.7	2.0	2.6	3.1	3.2	3.4
Transportation and Utilities	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.1	3.0	2.7	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.7	2.8	3.0	2.8
Interstate Railroads	23.7	24.1	23.8	23.6	23.1	22.8	22.1	22.0	22.1	22.8	23.8	24.3	23.2
Transportation (Except Railroads)	14.5	14.9	14.7	14.7	14.1	13.8	13.5	13.4	13.3	13.9	14.7	14.9	14.2
Utilities, Including Communication	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.7	3.6	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.8	3.5
Trade	5.5	5.5	5.4	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.2	5.2	5.3	5.4	5.5	5.6	5.4
Wholesale Trade	39.8	40.5	40.2	39.3	39.8	40.4	37.2	36.8	37.4	38.4	39.1	40.2	39.1
Retail Trade	8.5	8.7	8.7	8.7	9.1	8.6	8.5	8.4	8.4	8.5	8.5	8.7	8.6
General Merchandise and Apparel	31.3	31.8	31.5	30.6	30.7	31.8	28.7	28.4	29.0	29.9	30.6	31.5	30.5
Food Stores	6.2	6.3	6.4	6.3	6.6	7.4	5.8	5.6	5.8	6.0	6.0	5.9	6.2
Eating and Drinking Establishments	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.2	4.3	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.3
Automotive and Filling Stations	7.8	8.1	7.9	7.4	7.4	7.3	6.7	6.7	7.0	7.2	7.6	8.2	7.4
Trade Not Elsewhere Classified	5.7	5.8	5.7	5.6	5.6	5.7	5.5	5.4	5.5	5.7	5.8	6.0	5.7
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	7.1	7.2	7.0	6.9	6.9	7.1	6.7	6.6	6.6	6.8	6.9	7.0	6.9
Services and Miscellaneous	4.7	4.8	4.8	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.9	5.0	4.8
Hotels, Rooming Houses, Camps, etc.	20.3	20.4	20.4	19.3	19.0	18.9	18.1	18.2	18.4	19.0	19.4	20.6	19.3
Personal Services	4.2	4.2	4.1	3.3	3.1	2.9	2.6	2.7	2.7	3.0	3.2	4.2	3.3
Repair, Professional, Recreational	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.3
Government, Federal, State, Local	13.6	13.7	13.9	13.7	13.6	13.7	13.2	13.3	13.4	13.7	13.8	14.0	13.6
	27.3	27.0	27.9	28.2	28.1	29.6	27.8	27.5	27.7	27.8	28.0	27.7	27.9

Table 14—NUMBER OF EMPLOYERS—CONTRIBUTION RATES
By Industry and by Gross Payroll—Calendar 1954

INDUSTRY—	Covered Employers	TAX RATE—PERCENT											
		0.5	0.7	0.9	1.1	1.3	1.5	1.7	1.9	2.1	2.3	2.5	2.7
All Industry	14,588	2,975	1,861	1,408	1,202	544	365	242	193	164	48	74	5,512
Mining	510	64	55	30	33	18	12	6	4	2		3	283
Construction	1,621	39	76	95	127	61	77	51	63	40	14	29	949
Food Processing	189	52	42	20	21	13	4	1	5	2			29
Lumber and Logging	496	9	20	27	32	20	12	16	11	11	9	7	322
Publishing Industries	105	42	34	9	10	--	1	1	2				6
Other Manufacturing	152	19	23	15	15	10	3	4	3	3	1		56
Transportation and Utilities	493	96	73	65	40	20	13	6	1	9	2	5	163
Wholesale Trade	1,247	384	226	116	100	47	23	18	8	7	3	1	314
Retail Trade	5,416	1,101	788	596	502	219	138	95	59	53	14	24	1,827
Finance, Insurance, Realty	947	400	121	72	53	27	11	6	3	6			248
Service and Other	3,412	769	403	363	269	109	71	38	34	31	5	5	1,315
GROSS PAYROLL (1953)													
\$ 1 - \$ 20,000	12,361	2,530	1,354	1,150	919	416	289	193	157	143	40	66	5,104
\$ 20,000 - \$ 50,000	1,373	311	262	154	176	82	49	35	20	12	3	4	265
\$ 50,000 - \$ 100,000	494	82	119	62	62	26	16	9	12	5	3	2	96
\$ 100,000 - \$ 250,000	255	37	83	35	30	16	10	4	4	3	1	2	30
\$ 250,000 - \$ 500,000	66	9	26	4	10	4		1		1			11
\$ 500,000 - \$1,000,000	26	6	8	3	4		1						4
\$1,000,000 - and up	13		9		1						1		2

Table 15 — EMPLOYERS, WORKERS, WAGES, CONTRIBUTIONS, BENEFITS

By Industrial Classification — Fiscal 1954, and Cumulative Comparison

INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION	Average Number		Wages		Amount		Percent Benefits of Contributions	
	Employers	Workers	Gross	Taxable	Contributions	Benefits		
Mining.....	528	11,635	\$ 54,105,365	\$ 37,622,569	\$ 410,962	\$ 311,923	75.9	42.5
Metal.....	124	8,340	38,731,436	26,491,791	224,855	191,253	85.1	40.7
Coal.....	40	425	1,751,288	1,292,737	23,180	53,024	228.7	82.8
Petroleum and Gas Products.....	322	2,360	11,382,834	8,178,061	144,871	45,312	31.3	22.1
Quarrying and Non-Metallic.....	42	510	2,239,807	1,659,980	18,056	22,334	123.7	56.6
Contract Construction.....	1,668	9,645	41,312,547	34,039,020	708,287	799,940	112.9	88.7
Building.....	601	3,859	15,591,164	13,578,371	301,582	334,072	110.8	85.7
Other Than Building.....	287	2,972	14,903,081	11,856,482	257,354	323,941	125.9	105.8
Special Trade.....	780	2,814	10,818,302	8,604,167	149,351	141,927	95.0	60.9
Manufacturing.....	939	18,813	76,226,993	55,139,574	632,106	601,606	95.2	45.1
Durable Goods.....	614	10,546	43,919,628	32,037,668	383,815	474,123	123.5	45.3
Lumber and Timber Products.....	481	5,709	22,663,855	17,592,386	271,548	436,080	160.6	84.1
Primary Metals.....	39	3,631	16,551,982	10,894,642	77,674	7,813	10.1	3.6
Other (¹).....	94	1,206	4,703,791	3,550,640	34,593	30,230	87.4	27.9
Non-durable Goods.....	325	8,267	32,307,365	23,101,906	248,291	127,483	51.3	44.7
Food and Kindred Products.....	182	4,262	13,931,408	10,878,972	130,410	110,810	85.0	65.6
Printing and Publishing.....	106	1,538	6,188,625	4,251,021	31,871	6,277	19.7	12.1
Petroleum, Coal Products.....	10	1,426	7,302,159	4,572,054	31,423	2,869	9.1	11.0
Other (²).....	27	1,041	4,885,173	3,399,859	54,587	7,527	13.8	18.7
Transportation, Communication, Utilities.....	521	8,963	33,754,445	25,092,185	211,146	113,652	53.8	22.9
Transportation (Except R.R.).....	441	3,434	13,277,464	9,846,593	95,298	67,001	70.3	27.0
Telephone and Telegraph.....	28	2,758	8,842,993	7,191,242	52,218	15,352	29.4	15.6
Utilities (Public Service).....	52	2,770	11,633,988	8,054,350	63,630	31,299	49.2	22.9

Trade	6,741	38,976	117,732,722	93,231,065	1,048,971	718,739	68.5	42.3
Wholesale	1,134	8,543	33,199,910	23,654,990	212,830	151,370	71.1	33.9
Retail	5,607	30,433	84,732,722	69,576,075	836,141	567,369	67.9	44.5
Gen. Mdse. and Apparel	634	6,139	15,806,569	13,162,826	144,497	90,480	62.6	36.0
Food Stores	789	4,357	11,550,997	9,600,549	106,529	51,184	48.0	34.5
Eating and Drinking Estab.	1,806	7,545	15,177,348	14,540,834	251,582	279,554	111.1	92.6
Auto and Filling Stations	998	5,818	21,111,830	16,113,423	158,286	72,349	45.7	21.7
Other Retail Trade	1,380	6,574	20,886,068	16,158,443	175,247	73,802	42.1	28.5
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	967	4,878	15,313,032	11,210,324	101,642	25,145	24.7	15.4
Banks and Trust Companies	111	1,784	6,351,131	4,555,630	29,102	5,014	17.2	8.0
Security Dealers	9	25	104,741	67,852	710	340	47.9	41.0
Finance Agencies	83	369	1,177,693	895,496	8,461	1,238	14.6	16.9
Insurance Carriers	93	898	3,259,282	2,157,687	17,463	2,746	15.7	9.3
Insurance Agents, Brokers	124	375	1,080,252	854,979	10,176	2,736	26.9	17.4
Real Estate	379	1,068	2,279,318	1,861,775	26,899	10,846	40.3	34.3
Ins. Law, Loans	167	356	1,048,815	807,905	8,780	2,225	25.3	18.5
Holding Companies	1	3	11,800	9,000	51			
Service Industries	3,430	14,058	33,921,261	28,881,197	411,177	300,796	73.2	48.6
Hotels, Rooming Houses, Camps	612	3,143	5,943,663	5,549,026	89,196	141,550	158.7	97.4
Personal Services	564	2,251	5,301,749	4,673,929	56,674	42,869	75.6	50.0
Business and Repair Service	507	1,417	4,714,776	3,924,894	45,439	26,385	58.1	25.1
Motion Pict., Amusements	272	1,769	2,673,656	2,354,586	32,944	22,337	67.8	49.3
Other (*)	1,475	5,478	15,287,417	12,378,762	186,924	67,655	36.2	25.2
Miscellaneous n.e.c. (*)	59	50	271,770	251,775	6,216	12,704	204.4	51.5
TOTAL—All Industries	14,853	107,018	\$372,638,135	\$285,467,705	\$3,530,507	\$2,884,505	81.7	48.7

(*) Includes fabricated metal products, machinery except electrical, furniture, stone and clay products.

(*) Includes apparel, chemicals, and miscellaneous manufacturing products.

(*) Includes business services, medical and health services, educational institutions and agencies, commercial and trade schools, law offices and related services, other professional and social-service agencies and institutions, and non-profit membership organizations.

(*) Includes agricultural and similar service establishments, forestry, and establishments not elsewhere classified.

Table 16 — COVERED EMPLOYERS, WORKERS, WAGES, CONTRIBUTIONS, BENEFITS
By Counties — Fiscal 1954

	Average Number of		Wages		Employer Contribution to Fund	Benefit Checks Issued	
	Employers	Workers	Gross	Taxable		Number	Amount
Beaverhead	189	656	\$ 1,855,781	\$ 1,623,073	\$ 23,543	1,047	\$ 19,242
Big Horn	149	617	1,826,591	1,548,251	26,649	954	19,243
Blaine	136	531	1,511,995	1,286,947	18,170	582	12,254
Broadwater	57	236	718,026	620,564	11,138	294	6,128
Carbon	190	607	1,754,143	1,477,131	24,817	2,263	46,179
Cartier	41	127	316,606	284,185	4,685	142	2,991
Cascade	1,388	13,105	45,005,433	32,803,044	368,541	15,052	304,481
Chouteau	118	399	1,241,151	1,013,587	12,548	260	5,402
Custer	342	2,151	6,890,007	5,513,163	71,812	2,400	47,521
Daniels	89	266	755,229	660,822	7,204	227	4,570
Dawson	249	1,599	5,220,323	4,280,872	67,334	888	18,125
Deer Lodge	260	4,878	20,594,463	14,119,486	110,364	1,688	31,803
Fallon	79	203	502,611	459,026	6,259	406	7,874
Fergus	342	1,604	4,697,527	3,862,469	47,736	3,013	61,526
Flathead	903	4,859	16,657,617	13,874,647	257,200	16,983	356,401
Gallatin	572	2,747	8,300,179	6,890,664	90,180	2,923	61,584
Garfield	25	86	199,811	184,874	2,979	54	1,134
Glacier	281	1,512	4,884,537	3,795,233	55,529	2,080	41,700
Golden Valley	14	20	48,175	44,460	584	45	803
Granite	99	353	1,171,497	972,452	14,083	535	10,191
Hill	325	1,687	5,332,119	4,423,746	53,662	1,105	22,032
Jefferson	99	246	571,565	502,616	7,168	665	13,512
Judith Basin	42	91	233,849	195,156	2,276	196	3,815
Lake	263	857	2,412,350	2,029,385	33,238	5,774	117,125
Lewis and Clark	701	4,237	14,084,505	10,843,910	128,275	5,159	104,657
Liberty	55	392	1,864,755	1,608,968	38,257	257	5,613
Lincoln	271	1,929	7,334,297	5,429,520	61,509	3,732	78,076
Madison	130	280	663,549	602,824	9,977	993	19,600

McCone	54	167	560,704	454,968	8,685	176	3,461
Meagher	59	164	426,710	396,466	7,618	242	4,908
Mineral	64	445	1,695,981	1,353,693	30,119	1,249	26,052
Missoula	924	7,014	24,512,833	19,282,347	274,271	10,768	216,104
Musselshell	132	743	2,408,661	1,942,636	38,531	1,838	39,749
Park	342	1,507	3,922,245	3,452,544	54,130	3,299	64,431
Petroleum	20	46	129,705	121,407	2,782	113	2,106
Phillips	132	453	1,117,199	967,640	12,641	1,105	20,868
Pondera	166	678	2,428,761	1,834,798	22,712	663	13,680
Powder River	45	92	224,134	210,051	3,602	102	1,885
Powell	150	722	2,268,796	1,845,994	20,317	951	18,489
Prairie	44	132	331,432	296,050	4,705	286	6,019
Ravalli	239	869	2,592,952	2,221,063	32,018	3,232	63,861
Richland	246	1,135	3,467,724	2,865,081	49,464	2,107	44,839
Roosevelt	266	997	2,950,222	2,501,682	36,138	1,433	29,379
Rosebud	116	436	1,352,102	1,051,346	15,527	574	11,257
Sanders	154	679	2,199,439	1,839,386	27,722	3,510	73,156
Sheridan	153	515	1,458,993	1,262,715	17,972	450	8,620
Silver Bow	1,155	14,279	56,596,266	40,322,572	394,185	11,784	231,967
Stillwater	108	561	2,146,286	1,934,791	45,122	267	5,200
Sweet Grass	79	195	434,260	408,396	4,207	430	8,439
Teton	169	545	1,700,867	1,333,752	16,691	770	15,602
Toole	312	1,091	3,339,085	2,729,947	36,181	877	17,622
Treasure	16	129	551,211	464,108	9,496	98	1,775
Valley	237	1,003	2,877,509	2,460,785	37,701	1,458	30,365
Wheatland	72	202	419,381	376,443	5,598	144	2,555
Wibaux	32	137	381,773	328,740	5,210	244	4,578
Yellowstone	1,774	14,534	54,004,417	40,173,042	474,646	8,509	173,989
Yellowstone	184	11,273	39,489,792	30,084,187	286,799	15,119	319,967
Interstate							
STATE TOTAL	14,853	107,018	\$372,638,135	\$285,457,705	\$3,530,507	141,515	\$2,884,505

Table 17—SUMMARY OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIM TRANSACTIONS

Fiscal 1954

MONTH—	CLAIMS RECEIVED			INSURANCE PAYMENTS		WEEKLY AVERAGE		CLAIMANTS PAID	
	Ineligible	Initial	Eligible	Continued *	Number	Amount	Number	First Benefit	Maximum No. Checks
July, 1953.....	51	333	333	4,356	3,811	\$ 74,278	827	254	199
August.....	29	299	299	3,380	2,654	52,027	630	215	91
September.....	47	303	303	2,662	2,092	40,957	473	132	92
October.....	87	555	555	2,593	2,274	44,695	493	242	76
November.....	190	993	993	3,899	3,660	72,463	871	441	80
December.....	400	2,324	2,324	9,453	9,582	195,209	2,078	1,431	222
January, 1954.....	719	4,490	4,490	24,672	17,984	375,026	4,076	2,670	236
February.....	390	2,668	2,668	36,563	25,247	523,624	6,291	3,516	166
March.....	208	1,609	1,609	30,052	29,527	606,780	6,682	1,844	240
April.....	143	1,165	1,165	26,913	23,173	475,697	5,248	1,097	329
May.....	54	590	590	16,579	13,536	266,549	3,122	519	373
June.....	82	585	585	9,919	7,975	157,200	1,805	350	440
FISCAL 1954.....	2,400	15,914	15,914	171,041	141,515	\$2,884,505	\$20.38	12,711	2,544
FISCAL 1953.....	1,424	14,622	14,622	148,499	120,651	\$2,291,064	\$18.91	11,325	1,955

* Includes pay orders, waiting weeks, and claims denied.

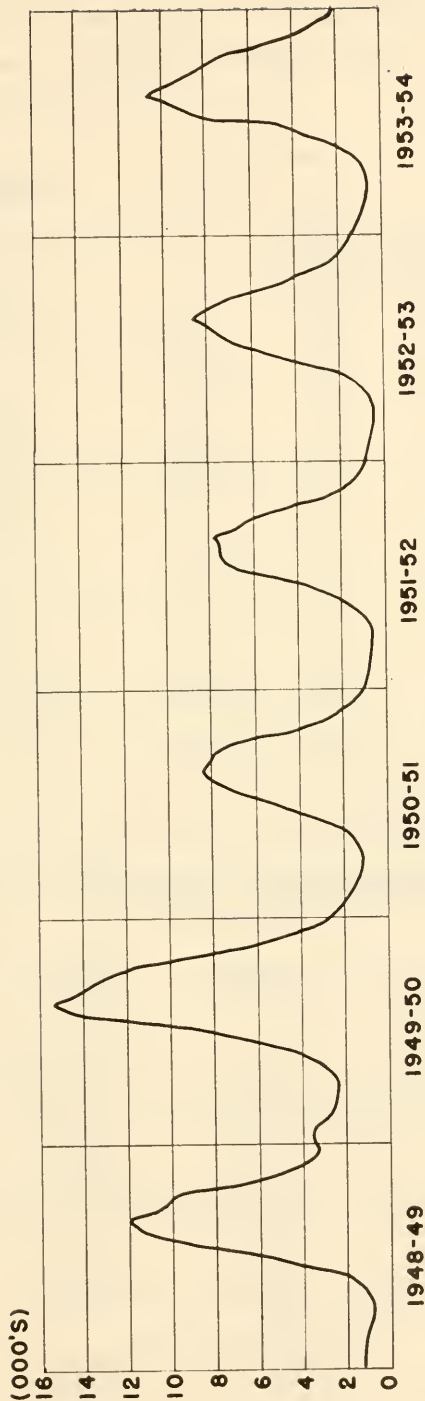


Chart V—VOLUME OF INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS
Montana, Fiscal Years 1949-1954

**Table 18—UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PAYMENTS
BY WEEKLY AMOUNT**

Calendar 1953

Weekly Benefit Amount	CHECKS ISSUED		BENEFITS PAID	
	Number	Percentage	Amount	Percentage
\$ 7.00	1,342	1.10%	\$ 9,394	0.40%
8.00	1,286	1.05	10,288	0.44
9.00	1,725	1.41	15,525	0.66
10.00	1,963	1.60	19,630	0.83
11.00	1,893	1.55	20,823	0.88
12.00	2,261	1.85	27,132	1.15
13.00	2,385	1.95	31,005	1.31
14.00	2,474	2.02	34,636	1.47
15.00	2,927	2.39	43,905	1.86
16.00	3,251	2.65	52,016	2.21
17.00	3,662	2.98	62,254	2.64
18.00	3,338	2.73	60,084	2.55
19.00	3,489	2.85	66,291	2.81
20.00	56,238	45.91	1,124,760	47.66
21.00	1,508	1.23	31,668	1.34
22.00	1,898	1.55	41,756	1.77
23.00	30,840	25.18	709,320	30.02
TOTALS, 1953	122,480*	100.00%	\$2,360,487*	100.00%
1952	117,487**	100.00%	\$2,162,435**	100.00%

*Excludes 684 checks issued as adjustment payments for sum of \$4,057.

**Excludes 353 checks issued as adjustment payments for sum of \$5,600.

Table 19—UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PAYMENTS

By Months—Fiscal 1954

MONTH—	Intrastate (Montana)	Interstate (IB)	Total
July, 1953	\$ 67,927	\$ 6,351	\$ 74,278
August	46,596	5,431	52,027
September	36,104	4,853	40,957
October	38,745	5,950	44,695
November	62,891	9,572	72,463
December	177,518	17,691	195,209
January, 1954	325,368	49,658	375,026
February	472,424	51,200	523,624
March	538,127	68,653	606,780
April	422,143	53,554	475,697
May	236,024	30,525	266,549
June	140,671	16,529	157,200
Fiscal 1954	\$2,564,538	\$319,967	\$2,884,505
Fiscal 1953	\$2,063,037	\$228,027	\$2,291,064

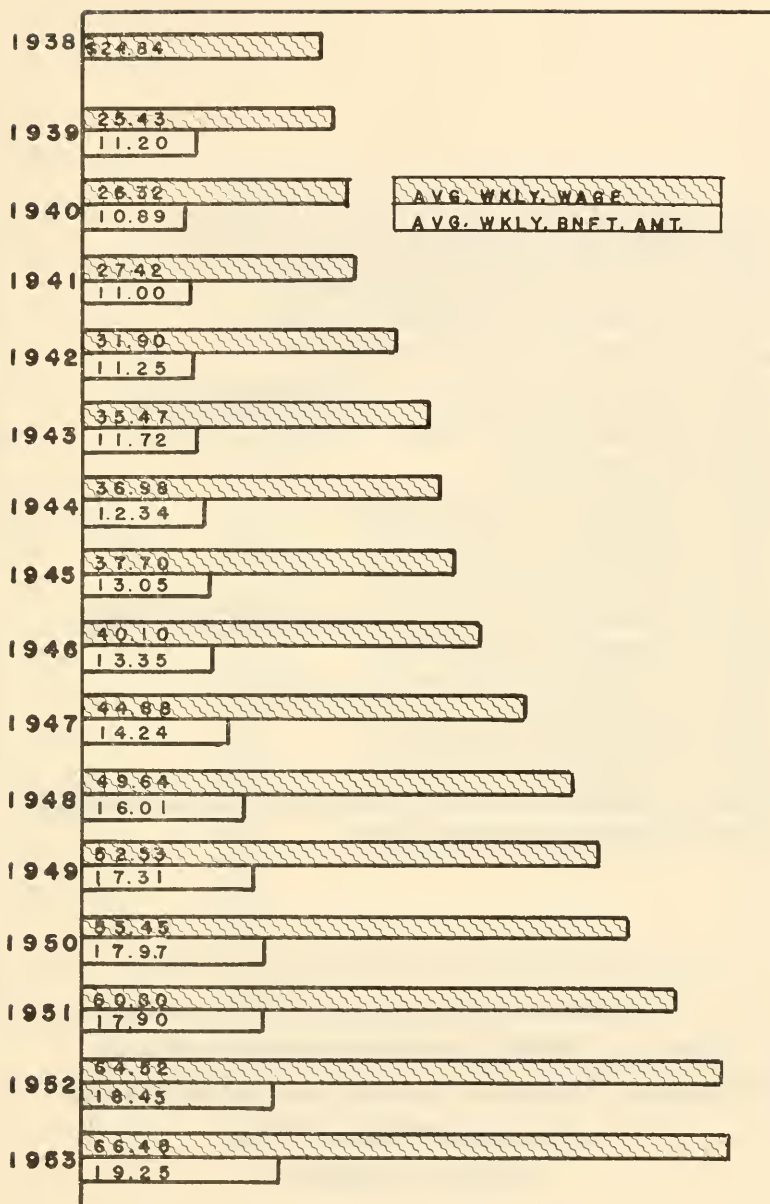


Chart VI—RELATING WAGE AND BENEFIT AVERAGES

Montana, 1938-1953

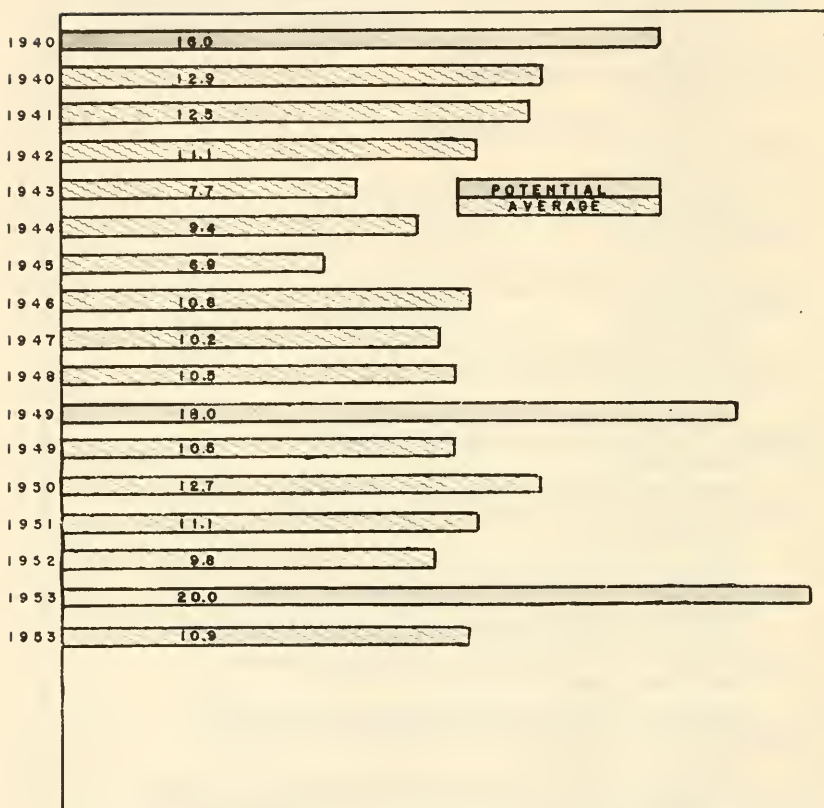


Chart VII—WEEKS OF INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT
 Contrasting Maximum Potential with Actual Average
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 Montana, 1940-1953

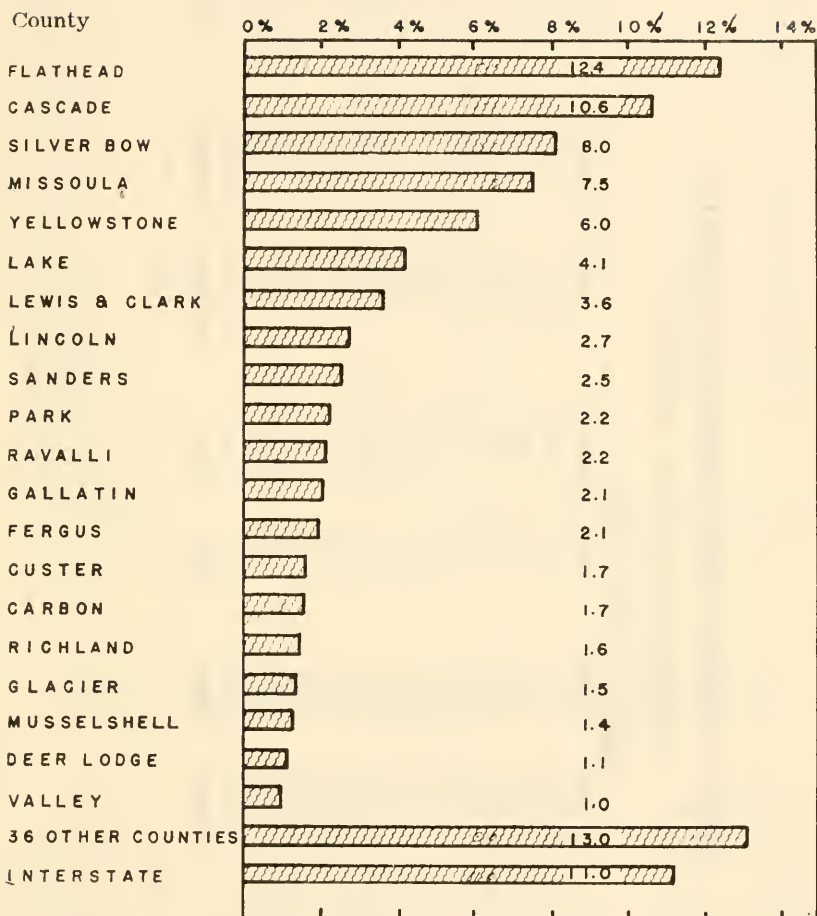


Chart VIII—AREA DISTRIBUTION OF INSURANCE PAYMENTS
Montana, Fiscal 1954

Table 20—UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PAYMENTS

By Month and Sex—Fiscal 1954 and Fiscal 1953

	Number of Weekly Payments				Amount			
	1954		1953		1954		1953	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
July.....	2,400	1,411	1,365	1,391	\$ 50,566	\$ 23,712	\$ 26,539	\$ 22,976
August.....	1,581	1,073	896	1,098	33,500	18,527	16,951	18,288
September.....	1,197	895	649	841	25,451	15,506	12,542	14,436
October.....	1,290	984	929	1,042	27,460	17,235	17,857	18,062
November.....	2,438	1,222	1,903	1,147	51,325	21,138	36,639	19,961
December.....	7,462	2,120	8,588	2,132	158,952	36,257	165,072	36,825
January.....	15,003	2,981	14,493	2,978	323,620	51,406	277,883	50,933
February.....	20,797	4,450	19,158	4,336	447,809	75,815	365,271	73,025
March.....	23,827	5,700	21,170	5,111	510,698	96,082	403,121	86,626
April.....	18,398	4,775	12,756	3,644	395,742	79,955	268,430	59,494
May.....	9,822	3,714	6,703	2,526	203,948	62,601	143,209	41,623
June.....	5,024	2,951	4,112	1,683	107,137	50,063	87,168	28,133
TOTALS	109,239	32,276	92,651	27,929	\$2,336,208	\$548,297	\$1,820,682	\$470,382
Average Weekly Benefit Amount					\$21.39	\$16.99	\$19.65	\$16.97

**Table 21—INTERSTATE PAYMENTS, UNEMPLOYMENT
INSURANCE**

By States—Fiscal 1954

STATE—	Number	Amount	STATE—	Number	Amount
Alabama	78	\$ 1,614.00	New York	31	\$ 526.00
Arizona	296	6,658.47	North Carolina	45	977.36
Arkansas	385	8,514.00	North Dakota	790	17,057.98
California	1,223	23,459.69	Ohio	101	2,314.00
Colorado	180	3,741.00	Oklahoma	312	6,778.00
Connecticut	43	989.00	Oregon	1,371	29,760.30
Delaware	11	231.00	Pennsylvania	35	805.00
Florida	50	1,094.00	Rhode Island	1	3.00
Georgia	28	464.00	South Carolina		
Idaho	1,947	39,697.13	South Dakota	341	7,531.82
Illinois	95	1,968.00	Tennessee	88	1,814.00
Indiana	75	1,519.00	Texas	177	3,647.00
Iowa	123	2,533.00	Utah	299	6,401.79
Kansas	81	1,731.00	Vermont	29	529.00
Kentucky	8	184.00	Virginia	18	318.00
Louisiana	34	710.00	Washington	3,399	71,033.74
Maine			West Virginia	63	1,401.00
Maryland			Wisconsin	289	6,094.00
Massachusetts	30	624.00	Wyoming	382	7,956.00
Michigan	251	5,493.00	Alaska	99	2,049.00
Minnesota	1,647	35,310.00	Canada	13	290.00
Mississippi	34	726.00	District of Columbia		
Missouri	222	4,731.00	Hawaii	15	345.00
Nebraska	69	1,547.00			
Nevada	126	2,653.00			
New Hampshire			Fiscal 1954	15,119	\$319,967.28
New Jersey					
New Mexico	185	4,144.00	Fiscal 1953	11,784	\$228,154.20

**Table 22—VETERAN UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION
PAYMENTS**

Fiscal 1954

MONTH—	Intrastate		Interstate		Total	
	Number	Amount	Number	Amount	Number	Amount
July, 1953	174	\$ 4,019	3	\$ 45	177	\$ 4,064
August	121	2,481			121	2,481
September	114	2,594			114	2,594
October	113	2,534	4	35	117	2,569
November	250	5,486	19	131	269	5,617
December	913	21,230	14	96	927	21,326
January, 1954	2,124	47,683	32	179	2,156	47,862
February	2,708	56,324	74	425	2,782	56,749
March	3,123	64,582	114	754	3,237	65,336
April	2,090	42,261	88	404	2,178	42,665
May	1,045	20,701	44	267	1,089	20,968
June	659	14,599	35	143	694	14,742
Fiscal 1954	13,434	\$284,494	427	\$2,479	13,861	\$286,973
Fiscal 1953	5,321	\$113,618	200	\$1,681	5,521	\$115,299

Table 23—INTERSTATE CLAIM TRANSACTIONS

A—Agent

(Claims by months against other states, taken in Montana offices)

Fiscal 1954 and 1953

MONTH—	INITIAL (1)		CONTINUED (2)		TOTAL	
	53-54	52-53	53-54	52-53	53-54	52-53
July	140	129	465	369	605	498
August	73	60	431	393	504	453
September	99	70	425	300	524	370
October	147	98	515	330	662	428
November	391	251	641	569	1,032	820
December	553	466	1,391	1,335	944	1,801
January	564	430	3,135	2,302	3,699	2,732
February	401	332	3,858	2,639	4,259	2,971
March	283	207	2,856	2,140	3,139	2,347
April	300	139	2,550	1,452	2,850	1,591
May	194	97	1,605	712	1,799	809
June	188	153	963	573	1,151	726
TOTALS	3,333	2,432	18,835	13,114	22,168	15,546

B—Liable

(Claims by months against Montana, received from other states)

MONTH—	INITIAL (1)		CONTINUED (2)		TOTAL	
	53-54	52-53	53-54	52-53	53-54	52-53
July	122	114	402	424	524	538
August	110	91	403	353	513	444
September	107	92	325	343	432	435
October	216	165	443	394	659	559
November	429	203	799	767	1,228	970
December	505	721	1,690	2,450	2,195	3,171
January	598	661	2,537	4,296	3,135	4,957
February	524	424	2,968	3,158	3,492	3,582
March	306	270	2,658	2,868	2,964	3,138
April	292	183	2,087	1,909	2,379	2,092
May	175	73	1,343	953	1,518	1,026
June	181	130	835	585	1,016	715
TOTALS	3,565	3,127	16,490	18,500	20,055	21,627

(1) Includes renewals and claims determined as ineligible.

(2) Includes pay claims, waiting weeks, and claims denied.

Table 24—DISQUALIFICATIONS, POSTPONEMENTS, ISSUES, AND APPEALS, FISCAL 1954

ISSUE—									
Involving UI Montana Claims	Issue Raised			Appeals			Re-heard by Commission		
	Number	Dis-qualified	Found Eligible	Decision		Appeal Withdrawn	Number	Reversed	Sustained
				Number	Reversed				
Not able or not available.....	813	610	203	49	10	33	6	2	2
Voluntary quit	3,265	2,553	712	72	10	51	11	8	8
Misconduct	449	264	185	18	4	13	1	---	---
Refusal of suitable work	257	200	57	7	2	4	1	---	---
Pregnancy	42	39	3	---	---	---	---	---	---
Receiving other benefits	46	39	7	1	1	---	---	---	---
Labor dispute	65	48	17	13	4	8	1	1	1
Quit to be married	41	40	1	1	---	1	---	---	---
Quit to follow husband	181	176	5	9	1	7	1	1	1
Benefit overpayments	---	---	---	3	1	---	2	---	---
Insufficient wages	---	---	---	11	2	6	3	4	1
Expiration of benefit year	---	---	---	2	---	1	1	---	---
Excess earnings	---	---	---	1	---	---	1	---	---
New benefit year	---	---	---	1	---	---	1	---	---
Benefit chargebacks	---	---	---	2	---	1	1	2	2
Independent contract relations	---	---	---	1	---	1	---	1	1
Weekly benefit amount	---	---	---	1	1	---	---	---	---
Total UI	5,159	3,969	1,190	192	36	126	30	19	3
Involving UCV Claims									
Not able or not available.....	55	43	12	1	---	1	---	---	---
Voluntary quit	180	151	29	1	---	1	---	---	---
Misconduct	24	8	16	1	---	1	---	---	---
Refusal of suitable work	23	20	3	1	---	1	---	---	---
Total UCV	282	222	60	4	---	4	---	---	---
Grand Total	5,441	4,191	1,250	196	36	130	30	19	3
Appeals									
By Claimant	---	---	---	153	31	122	---	14	14
By Employer	---	---	---	13	5	8	---	5	2
Withdrawn	---	---	---	30	---	---	---	3	---

**Table 25—OVERPAYMENTS AND RECOVERIES
INSURANCE BENEFITS**

Fiscal 1954

	Montana		Federal (Title IV)	
	Number	Amount	Number	Amount
Overpayments identified during fiscal 1954	614	\$21,042.00	52	\$3,213
Traced to willful misrepresentation	401	14,066.00	9	259
No misrepresentation found	213	6,976.00	43	1,954
Payments recovered during fiscal 1954		16,875.75		1,879
In cash		9,896.25		
By offset		6,979.50		
Summary of legal steps:				
Prosecution recommended	407			
Dismissed or not prosecuted	185			
Acquitted	0			
Convicted	170			
Pending	52			

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